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COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

To

Certain American Diplomatic Officers.

The Secretary of State refers to Foreign Service Serial No. 888, dated August 5, 1948, entitled "Collection of Photographs".

The Officer in Charge is requested to call to the attention of members of his staff the continuing need among the intelligence agencies of the Government for photographs of greater variety than have been received to date in response to FSS No. 888. In addition there is a particularly great need for photographs of certain specific subjects which are required for the sociological, political, and economic chapters of the NIS program. (Circular Instruction dated November 5, 1948, entitled "National Intelligence Studies"). In this category are photographs of examples of local hand industries, examples of living conditions of all kinds, public meeting places, demonstrations, political rallies, government buildings, and leaders of all political parties.

Although it has been felt that much of this pictorial coverage should be obtainable without cost from pamphlets, magazines, newspapers or other published sources it is realized that Foreign Service Officers may often be able to supplement this coverage with current original photographs not otherwise obtainable. The Central Intelligence Agency has, consequently, obtained a limited amount of film in various sizes which it will make available to officers interested in photography who are in a position to supply original pictures not only for NIS requirements but of any or all subjects described in FSS No. 888.

Requests for film, specifying sizes and quantity desired should be sent to the Department, attention the Acquisition and Distribution Division, with reference to this instruction. All requests will be given prompt attention by the Department and CIA. Exposed film accompanied by sufficiently descriptive identification should be returned to the Department, Acquisition and Distribution Division, for processing by CIA. Copies of any or all photographs submitted will, if requested, be returned to the post for use of the post or the interested officer.